GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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LEGISLATION ON PATIENTS RECORD
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to bring any legislation with regard to handing over to patients or other professionals for scrutiny, if needed;

(b) whether such a law has been drafted and forwarded to the Law Ministry;

(c) if so, the comments of the Law Ministry; and

(d) the time by when such legislation is going to come before Parliament?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Ministry of Law has informed that Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should obtain the consent of two or more States to empower the Parliament for making the law or if the said subject has been declared in the national interest by the Council of States under Article 249, then the Parliament can make the law. Therefore, the draft legislation has been circulated to all the States with the request to consider the proposal and to send the necessary authorisation through their Legislatures.

(d): The above proposal is at initial stage and it is not possible to indicate the time that will be required to reach finality.